

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of controlling physical distribution comprising the steps of:

5            recording position data including latitude and longitude data of destination of a freight on a recording medium provided to said freight; and

                 controlling said physical distribution on the basis of said position data to deliver said freight.

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2. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

                 receiving an address of said destination through a communication network; and

15            converting said address into said position data to record said position data on said recording medium.

3. A method of controlling a physical distribution as claimed in claim 2, wherein said step of converting said address comprising the  
20    step of converting a position of a gate at said address into said position data.

4. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

25            providing a reader for reading said position data on said recording medium at sites;

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converting said position data read by said one of said sites into language data indicating said destination in a language used at an area where said one of sites exists; and

5. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

reading said position data by one of said sites dealing said freight;

indicating said position data with said language data.

6. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim  
1, wherein said recording medium comprises an at least write once  
read memory, said method comprising the steps of: providing a  
reader for reading said position data on said recording medium;  
reading said position data; recording another position data of a place  
where said position data is read, said another position data includes  
another latitude and longitude data.

7. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim 1, wherein said position data further includes altitude data of said destination.

5 8. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

providing a map displaying unit and a GPS unit to a deliverer for said physical distribution;

10 converting said position data from said recording medium into map position data; and

displaying a present position from said GPS unit and said map position data on said map displaying unit.

15 9. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

providing a reader for reading said position data and a GPS unit to a deliverer for said physical distribution;

comparing said position data with present position data from said GPS unit when said freight is handed; and

20 outputting a result of said comparison.

10. A physical distribution control system comprising:

sites for receiving, forwarding, and delivering a freight;

25 recording means for recording position data including latitude and longitude data of destination of said freight on a recording medium provided to said freight; and

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control means for controlling said physical distribution system on the basis of said position data to receive, forward, and deliver said freight.

- 5 11. A physical distribution control system as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:

receiving means for receiving said address of said destination through a communication network; and

- 10 converting means for converting said address into said position data to record said position data on said recording medium.

12. A physical distribution control system as claimed in claim 11, wherein said converting means converts a position of a gate at said address into said position data.

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13. A physical distribution control system as claimed in claim 10, wherein each of said sites includes:

a reader for reading said position data on said recording medium;

- 20 converting means for converting said position data read by said reader into language data in a language used at an area where said one of sites exists; and

indicating means for indicating said position data with said language data.

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14. A physical distribution control system as claimed in claim 10,

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wherein each of said sites comprising:

a reader for reading said position data on said recording medium;

converting means for converting said position data into  
5 language data in a language used at an area of one of said sites dealing with said freight; and

indicating said position data with said language data.

15 15. A physical distribution control system as claimed in claim 10, wherein said recording medium comprises an at least write once read memory, and each of said sites includes:

a reader for reading said position data on said recording medium; and

15 recording means for recording another position data of a place where said position data is read, said another position data includes another latitude and longitude data.

20 16. A physical distribution control system as claimed in claim 10, wherein said position data further includes altitude data of said destination.

17. A physical distribution control system as claimed in claim 10, wherein said sites include:

deliverers, each includes:

25 a map displaying unit and a GPS unit;

converting means for converting said position data from said

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recording medium into map position data; and

displaying means for displaying a present position from said GPS unit and said map position data on said map displaying unit.

- 5 18. A physical distribution control system as claimed in claim 10, wherein said sites include:

deliverers, each includes:

a reader for reading said position data and a GPS unit;

comparing means for comparing said position data with

- 10 present position data from said GPS unit when said freight is handed; and

outputting means for outputting a result of said comparison.

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